

## THE GAZETTE.

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## TWO DEMOCRATS WHO DO NOT AGREE.

The other day the Gazette took occasion to quote a paragraph from the message of Mr. Cleveland in which he paid the postal service a very high compliment for its improved efficiency. The message was full of bald-headed jokes and this was one of them. It will not fail of interest to read the opinion of two democrats on the subject of the postal system. Mr. Cleveland is exultant over the success of Don Dickstein as postmaster general, but the Chicago News, which supported Cleveland's free trade, now says that "throughout the northwest the mail service has greatly deteriorated during the administration of Cleveland. Too many old employees of the department have been discharged. Too many incompetent men have been set to landing the public mail. The results have been grievous." But even "Don Dickstein" himself, in his annual report, gives Mr. Cleveland's message a chilly rebuke for the postmaster general reports the number of incorrect ships returned to the department by the postal clerks to be as follows:

1887.....141,286 Decrease 6 per cent  
1888.....130,704 Decrease 8 1-10 per cent  
1889.....120,711 Increase 76 per cent

The number of errors in these ships was as follows:

1887.....102,739  
1888.....87,704 Decrease 14 1-10 per cent  
1889.....70,711 Decrease 19 1-10 per cent

The Chicago News goes on to say that it is "credibly informed that on last Thursday night a single railway car brought to the Chicago post-office 400 bags of undistributed mail. All of these bags ought to have been sorted before they reached Chicago." There is one other point in which the News contradicts Mr. Cleveland, and that is, the facts and figures support the News. It says "Scarcely a day passes without bringing to the post office in this city vast quantities of undistributed mail which should have been distributed before it arrived here. Frequently, it is said, this failure of the railway mail service to do its work at the proper time causes a delay of twenty-four hours in the Chicago post-office of mail for St. Paul, St. Louis, Omaha and other cities."

A good many of the blunders named by the News comes of mislabeled letter packages, pouches and socks, and here are the numbers under two administrations:

1887.....11,713 Increase  
1888.....1,841 4 1-10 per cent  
1889.....1,841 4 1-10 per cent

Here again with a great increase in business during the republican years the increase in the number of errors is not so great as it is in the democratic years. But with a smaller increase during the democratic years the blunders grew 70 per cent. Then take the errors checked by postal clerks against other employees:

1887.....1,071,838 Increase  
1888.....1,071,838 Increase  
1889.....1,071,838 Increase

But it is not necessary to go on repeating all these records of blunders that have already appeared in the Gazette. The News, not blinded by partisanship, can speak the truth, and it is free to confess that all these blunders and delays that are of daily occurrence, were very rare under Arthur's administration. The difference between republican and democratic management of the postal service can be very forcibly illustrated in this way, taking democratic reports for it, that the errors during the republican years of postal management was six per cent, while the errors under democratic management ran 68 to 98 per cent.

Is it any wonder that democratic papers cry aloud against the democratic postal service?

## EVOLVING HARRISON'S CABINET.

General Harrison has stated in the most emphatic manner that he will not render the cabinet-makers of our common country any assistance in the great work which just now is engrossing their energies. "I have stated repeatedly to representatives of the press," says the general, "that I would have nothing to say at any time in an interview. Speeches correspondents have come to me with questions that, in one or two instances, I have not even permitted them to ask, and I have said time and again that I would not talk upon any subject for publication. This is a specific, comprehensive, definite, says the New York Tribune. All the general will tell the cabinet-makers is that he will tell them nothing. The general has determined to remain as silent as the t in depot, silent as a Quaker meeting on an off Sunday, silent as the moon when she dews the night, bid in her sweetest interior cave," silent as Cortez when he stood "upon a peak in Darien," silent as the ruins of a dead and domed city, silent as the tip-toed gossamer of silence, silent as the one that first nominated Cleveland.

What are the cabinet-makers going to do about it? Go out of business? O. no; hardly; not this winter. The typical cabinet-maker is not built that way. His resolve in the circumstances will take any shape; but that, of course, he would be grateful for General Harrison's assistance in the construction of General Harrison's cabinet. But that's dead weight, then, with cheerful men and well-sharpened pencils, he will proceed to demonstrate to us how so often demonstrated before that he has a positive genius for making superior to circumstances. Within outline tells of a man who argued that the best way to breed a truly good variety of bull was to decide in one's mind what sort of a bull was most desirable, and then to evolve the best from the inner consciousness. This man is passionately admired by the cabinet-makers. They realize that he is a person equal to taking the conceit out of an emergency. Is it more difficult to

of live a cabinet-maker from the inner consciousness than a bull? Probably not, but for a really able cabinet-maker. But even if it is harder, what of that? Your cabinet-maker who knows his business is never so happy as when he is picking success from "the spear-proof crest" of difficulty.

O. no. The important industry of cabinet-making shall not perish from the earth—not yet awhile. The president may continue until next March to greet the cabinet-makers with a dead ear, a cold shoulder, an unbending spine, an aggressive smile, a head that nods not, a tongue that wags not, eyes that tip no wink, brows devoid of compassion. All the same the inhabitants of the thirty-eight states, eight territories and the District of Columbia need not have any anxiety. They are not going to be deprived of their daily Harrison cabinet. The general's silence is the golden opportunity of the self-reliance of the cabinet-makers.

Within a year past the little state of Rhode Island has smothered her constitution so that 2,000 men could not vote. This is more than one-third of the entire vote of the state, and the newly enfranchised citizens now propose to celebrate the event by erecting a monument to Thomas U. Dorr, the man who rebelled fifty years ago because he could not vote. It will be remembered that Dorr was imprisoned and pardoned by President Tyler. He is now in the Rhode Island penitentiary.

The Recorder, in commenting on recent news, especially those occurring in the United States, generally gets as near the truth as it did in stating issues of the presidential election and predicting results. Thomas W. (not U.) Dorr was convicted of treason against the state of Rhode Island in 1842, and sentenced to imprisonment for life. He was pardoned by the governor of Rhode Island in 1847, and the state legislature restored his rights. In 1853, he died in Providence, Dec. 27th, 1854. "Governor" (U.) Dorr's treason was owing to his agitation of an amendment to the charter of Rhode Island granted in 1803 by Charles II, of England, and his overt acts in an attempt to seize the state government and depose Governor Samuel W. King. President Tyler did not interfere in that war, except to send Major Ringgold and a battery of artillery to Providence to "keep the peace," while Dorr and King were during each other "knock the ship off."

Further, "Governor" Dorr, as many of his followers lived to call him, was a voter, and occupied a seat in the Rhode Island assembly in 1833-4-5-6-7, but his "reform" movement only obtained 7 out of 70 votes in the body in which he promulgated it.

The president has appointed Emory H. Taft, an ex lieutenant of the navy, as commercial agent to the Congo River Free State, with headquarters at Boma. Lieutenant Taft was recently court-martialed for absence without leave and misconduct, and while the secretary had the findings of the court under consideration, as to whether he should be dismissed from the service, he tendered his resignation and it was accepted. His salary as lieutenant was \$2,000 a year, but his salary as commercial agent will be \$4,000 a year.

The Salt Lake Tribune comes to the defense of Nevada. It says that if the state debts be a little over 12,000 votes its people turn out, man for man, quadruple the output in value of the citizens of any other state, that is out of debt, has the most magnificent school fund of any state, its voters vote as they please and have their votes honestly counted, and finally it takes more votes to elect a congressman in Nevada than it does in South Carolina.

General Longstreet says of his Indianapolis visit in an Atlanta Constitution interview: "I found General Harrison devoid of all that prejudice toward the south which is to be found in some people of the north. I think his administration will be a national, not a sectional one."

The largest steel mill of Tottenham, Peasey, Va., Iron and Steel company has started up after an idleness of several months, caused by lack of orders. Several hundred men are given employment.

Milwaukee Sentinel:—The Washington correspondent of the esteemed Evening Wisconsin has appointed five of the members of President Harrison's cabinet. His authority is \$3 a column.

It is expected that the high license law will cause a reduction of the number of dram-shops in Boston from 2,000 to 700. This is the method of temperance reform both effective and practical.

Colonel Watterston thinks that politics is a species of comic opera. That is not the first intimation we have had that the Star Eyed Goddess of Reform is playing a burlesque part.

The Baldwin locomotive works, of Philadelphia, have received an order for thirty locomotives for a road in the Argentine Republic.

Catastrophic Curlew. A clergyman, after years of suffering from that loathsome disease Catarrh, and vainly trying every known remedy at last found a recipe which completely cured and saved him from death. A by letter from this dreadful disease sending a self addressed stamped envelope to Prof. J. A. Lawrence, 88 Warren St., New York city, will receive the recipe free of charge.

Notice. Ladies' and gentlemen's clothing dyed and cleaned. Prices low and satisfaction guaranteed, at the Janesville Steam Dye Works, Janesville, Wis., 45 North Main Street.

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## HORRIBLE BUTCHERY.

The Sultan of Zanzibar Satisfying a Thirst for Blood.

## WHOLESALE SLAUGHTER OF CRIMINALS.

Four of Them Decapitated, and Twenty-Four Others Doomed to Die in a Like Manner—Excelling Reports of Foreign Consuls.

BLOODY SCENES. ZANZIBAR, Dec. 20.—By the Sultan's order four natives charged with murder have been decapitated in a horrible and bloody manner in the streets, and their mutilated bodies left exposed. The Sultan has ordered that twenty-four life prisoners, one of whom is a woman, be similarly executed during next week. They will not all be killed at once, but a few each day. The English Consul has protested against the proceedings of the Sultan, but his efforts were without avail. The Sultan announces that in the future he will be guided by Mohammedan law only in administering justice.

## HAVOC BY THE STORM.

Additional Reports from the Filizad in Canada and the East.

St. John's, N. B., Dec. 20.—The snow-storm of Tuesday was the severest for years. At Moncton more than a dozen trains were held because of the blocked north of Campbellton. A snow-drift at Campbellton covered a special train, but the U. Dorr, the man who rebelled fifty years ago because he could not vote. It will be remembered that Dorr was imprisoned and pardoned by President Tyler. He is now in the Rhode Island penitentiary.

## BAUERSEN'S TRIAL.

The Testimony All in and the Arguments of the Lawyers Begun.

GENEVA, Ill., Dec. 20.—The taking of testimony in the "Q" dynamite trial was yesterday, and State Attorney Hamilton, of Aurora, began the opening argument before the jury. The principal testimony of the day was given by Henry L. Tallman, an expert in photography, who testified that he had carefully examined exhibits of letters and checks alleged to be in Bauer's handwriting, and in his opinion two, and possibly three, persons wrote them. "The checks," he said, "were as authentic as mine in the same handwriting as the Bowles and Broderick letters, and my impression is that the latter letter is a third handwriting, but it is not the same as the Broderick and Bowles letters."

Wanamaker for the Cabinet. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—The North American says that it has most excellent authority for making the positive statement that President-elect Harrison has decided to appoint John Wanamaker Postmaster-General. The information comes from one of Philadelphia's well-known business men, who is also a warm friend of Mr. Wanamaker and strongly advocated him for the position to which the President-elect has determined to appoint him.

## A Victory for an Iowa Evicted Settler.

Dry Springs, Ia., Dec. 20.—One of the evicted Des Moines river land settlers was awarded at Fort Dodge Wednesday in a suit brought against Mr. Seull to recover the value of improvements made on the land from which he was evicted a verdict of \$700. Suit was awarded a rental of \$200. The case will probably be carried to the highest court.

## The Catholic University.

ROME, Dec. 20.—At his interview with the Pope Tuesday Bishop Keane, late of Richmond, presented to his Holiness a collective letter from the American Bishops announcing the satisfactory progress of the scheme to establish a Catholic university in Washington and referring to the importance of the work as a bulwark against rationalism in America.

## A Nelson Trust.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 20.—The melon growers of Barnwell and Aiken counties, who control 6,000 acres of melon land, have organized a watermelon trust. Colonel M. Brown has been elected president and P. B. Hagood secretary and treasurer. They expect to be able to limit the acreage and regulate the prices of melons.

## The Samoan War.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A dispatch from Auckland says that news has been received from Samoa that the Samoans, under Matafua, have succeeded in capturing the most of Aina after a long battle with Tammases' forces. The losses included 100 killed and several hundred wounded.

## Aworthy Settles Up.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Three actions brought against ex-City Treasurer Aworthy, of Cleveland, O., were settled in the Court of Queen's Bench. The action arose from banking disputes. With the sanction of the court, Aworthy agreed to pay £25,000 and surrender his property in America in settlement of the actions.

## Paroled.

TOKYO, Kan., Dec. 20.—The Governor has granted a pardon to Thomas C. Truett, once a leading attorney of Leavenworth, who was convicted in 1880 for assault, with intent to kill, upon Colonel D. H. Anthony, father of the late American Times, and sentenced to eighteen years' imprisonment.

## Servants Celebrate Election Triumph.

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 20.—The radicals and peasants in this section of Servia are celebrating their recent victories at the polls by setting fire to the homes of their political opponents. The sky in the vicinity of Belgrade has been lit up with the reflection of flames for the last three nights.

## Dropped Dead.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—R. P. Barber, a clerk in the State Auditor's office, fell dead in Senator's saloon Wednesday evening. He was about 40 years of age, a member of a Masonic lodge in this city.

## The War on Foreign Actors.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Edwin Booth, Lawrence Barrett and Joseph Jefferson have joined in the movement of American actors against the importation of foreign actors in America under contract to play in this country.

## FOR SALE.

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THURSDAY DECEMBER 20.

## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

The cheapest place to get your silk and linen handkerchiefs, muffs, tobacco bags, umbrellas, men's and boys' wool coats, boys' and men's suits, napkins, fancy linen towels, table linens, marcelles quilts, blankets and comforters is at the store of Burns & Boland.

The grand display of holiday goods call and see them, at Sutherland's bookstore.

There's no snow, but we're snowing them all under. Come and see the great snow scene at The Magnet.

WANTED—First class agents in every town in the state for "The Story of the Baptist" and "The Story of Methodism." Expenses paid. Call or address Geo. O. SUTHERLAND, European House, City.

At The Magnet they have no special sale day in ribbons; every day is a "sale" day with them.

The prices can not be beat that we are making on gold-headed silk umbrellas, muffs, boys, kid mitts, kid gloves, axon wool mitts, Jersey wool mitts, Jersey gloves in black and colored, fancy covers, and many other goods suitable for Christmas gifts.

BURNS & BOLAND.

The Magnet store is fast becoming famous for its low prices and the excellent quality of its goods.

WORKMEN WANTED—Toty \$2.50 a shoe made by W. L. Douglas, (the genuine Douglas shoe) acknowledged the most durable shoe made, fully warranted. For sale by Brown Bros.

Come along with the crowd and see what The Magnet is doing.

Rather late in the season to buy such a large line of sample cloaks, but we have bought them at one third their value and can give prices on them that are sure to sell them.

BURNS & BOLAND.

Elegant line of rose, jess, vases, glass baskets, candelsticks, olive trays, jelly dishes, bone plates, chipped egg dishes, and egg stands, at Wheelock's.

Muffler and handkerchief sale at W. C. Holmes.

Call at 124 West Milwaukee street, and order your ladies' and gent's seal gloves and hats for Christmas.

KENNEDY & ROGERS.

Milk on Jersey and Maple Grove dairy wagon at 5 cents per quart.

Call at 124 West Milwaukee street and get prices on far overcoats, mink and seal acquies. Large reduction in price.

KENNEDY & ROGERS.

Mrs. Judd will sell a phaeton and buggy at the auction sale at Oak Lawn next Friday.

600 pairs of sample gloves and mittens at about one-half the regular price at W. C. Holmes. Buy quick while the bargain lasts.

Mrs. Judd will sell for cash at public auction at Oak Lawn, Second Ward, on Friday next, Dec. 21st, at 2 o'clock p. m. her furniture and household goods. This is a rare opportunity to secure both fine and ordinary furniture.

All modern conveniences at the bath parlors of Charles Wachs.

Hot and cold baths at Wachs's.

CHINA SILKS—The designs and colorings in these silks are perfectly exquisite, and to be seen at our store—50 patterns.

J. M. BOSTWICK & SONS.

For washing purposes delivered to any part of the city for \$1 per load. Leave orders at Smith & Gately's.

Silk and wool muffs and an endless line of bargains in men's wear for Christmas at W. C. Holmes.

ONLY 25 CENTS—You will find a large stock of ladies' rubbers at Brown Bros. Bargain Shoe Store for 25c a pair; missing children's, same price—in heel and spring heel. Try a pair of these goods and convince yourself that they are equal to what you have always paid more money for.

WARRANTED—A printed warrant with the celebrated \$8 W. L. Douglas shoe; smooth inner sole, good style and a hanger to wear. Try a pair for sale by Brown Bros.

Call at Zeigler's and see the finest line of Terence Alberts ever exhibited in Janesville.

ALBUMS—Dressing cases, writing desks, work boxes, gold pens at Sutherland's bookstore.

Get your picture frames of The.

Bar in mind that we sell materials for any work. BOST, BAILEY & CO.

Buy your boots where you can get the best assortment of reliable goods to choose from at the lowest prices on record.

RICHARDSON SHOE CO.

—Outaway and sack business suits in great variety and at living prices at Zeigler's.

An elegant line of embroidered felt table covers and reefs for the holidays.

ABOITE REID.

SAMPLES—Grand opening of fancy dry goods, handkerchiefs, muffs, kid gloves and mitts, hoods, toboggans and one hundred useful articles, all at wholesale cost at Archie Reid's.

No. 4 COOK—Smith & Gately are having a great demand for their new prepared cake for domestic use; acknowledged by all to be the cleanest and freest burning cake ever brought to the city. No. 4 size for ovens and egg size for furnaces and grates.

Call in and see our holiday display.

ABOITE REID.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT—Before Jan. 1st, an upright piano, nearly new, standard make. Address P. O. Box 1056 City.

## BRIEF NEWS.

—Fryer meeting night.

—Go to Fred H. Fellows' East Side Jeweler.

—For parlor and bed-room suits, cheap at Moss & Bro's.

—The cheapest place to get your pictures framed is at Moss & Bro's.

—Gift lettering for Christmas books, done in any style desired, at the Gazette bindery.

—Another invoice of those \$2.50 and \$4 watches has been received by S. C. Burnham.

—H. O. Stearns is in Chicago securing a fresh line of novelties for the last few days of the Christmas trade.

—Janesville Chapter No. 5, Royal Arch Masons, assemble in regular semi-monthly convocation this evening at Masonic hall.

—If you think of purchasing an opera glass, the stock shown by A. F. Hall & Co. "the reliable jewellers," cannot fail to interest you.

—You can find no prettier gift for a lady than a glove button, such as A. F. Hall & Co. have in silver, in gold and in fine quality plate.

—The Women's Mission Circle of the Baptist church, will meet to-morrow (Friday) at 3 p. m. with Miss Mary Cross by on North Jackson street.

—Arrangements have been made by "The Club" for a series of six dances, four to be given before Lent, one during Lent and one soon after Easter.

—There will be a drill by the Light Infantry to night, but the annual business meeting of the company has been postponed until Thursday, January 3d.

—Another stocking will be hung up in the home of George M. McKee this year. A handsome black-eyed boy baby bearing down the scales at ten pounds, arrived this morning.

—Fred E. Fellow's show window attracts a full share of the attention of holiday shoppers and win many compliments. The "call boy" with his stick is a looking device.

—The Harrison & Morton Bevelant Association are requested to meet in the A. O. U. W. hall Thursday evening at 7:30, sharp, to consider and for one of the members who is very sick.

—The Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company will sell excursion tickets to all points on its line December 24th, 25th, 31st, and January 1st good to return until January 31st, at one and one-third fare for round trip.

—A large assortment of fancy chairs, brass and bamboo easels at Moss & Bro.

—It is now generally understood among the knowing ones that Thos. L. Anderson is to be the under sheriff after the first Monday in January, when Sheriff E. G. Babcock assumes authority.

—Laurer's bakery in the Kenilworth block is now open. Mr. Laurer, the proprietor, has furnished his establishment handsomely and has provided himself with all the modern facilities for turning out work of the best grade.

—Splendid chance to purchase Christmas presents at Mrs. Judd's auction sale to-morrow, Friday afternoon. Street cars go within two blocks. Rocking chairs, easy chairs, fancy tables, hand-made bed-room set, magnificent parlor suite, silver ware, etc., etc.

—The supper given by the ladies of Court Street N. E. church last evening in the Sunday school room, was attended by a large number of people. An excellent and appetizing bill of fare was prepared and the hungry were most agreeably provided for. The supper was a gratifying success to all.

—All the latest novelties in jewelry at Fred H. Fellows.

—Rock county Caledonians are making thorough preparations for the Burns anniversary party, January 25th. A dancing party will be given for members of the society and their families, at Post hall on New Year's eve. Truckwood will furnish the music.

—The Terpsichorean club entertained a large party at a social dance given in Apollo hall last evening. Smith & Anderson's orchestra furnished the music and everyone was pleased with the management. The next party of this club will be given at Cannon's hall, on Wednesday evening, January 23d.

—The charity party for the benefit of the city hospital will be held on Tuesday evening, January 21st as previously announced. The change of date is made to accommodate the Okeuchus Circle and January Tournee lecture, which will be given on the evening of the 21st.

—In another column will be found the prospectus of the American Magazine for 1880. The magazine has already made a place for itself on library tables, throughout the land, and its prospectus will be found interesting reading for those who are now making out their lists of reading matter for the coming year.

—Christmas and New Year holiday excursions. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company will sell round trip excursion tickets to all points on its line Dec. 24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st good to return until January 31st at one full fare and a third for the round trip.

—The January Century will contain Mr. Kennan's paper on "The Life of Administrative Empire," in which the writer will break the continuity of the narrative of his journey through Siberia, to bring together a quantity of material relating to only one branch of the subject, but gathered piecemeal at different times and in many widely separated parts of Siberia.

—Don't miss Dr. L. B. Sperry's lecture Friday evening. Prof. W. B. Chamberlain, of Oberlin College, says: "I have listened with pleasure and profit to a course of lectures by Dr. Sperry. The people were not only interested, they were enthusiastic." The Young Ladies' Society of the Congregational church, offers you this intellectual treat for only 25 cents to-morrow evening.

—Diamonds and unlimited wealth are associated so closely that people of moderate means scarcely think of procuring diamond jewelry and are ignorant of the really beautiful gems they could afford to wear. "The reliable jewellers" are showing many fine things in drops, studs, rings, etc., and at such moderate prices that you do not have to be worth a million to buy them.

—George E. Bates, editor of "Old Times," that popular work for smokers, has prepared his interesting publication in shape peculiarly suitable for the holiday trade. Handsomely boxed, [and] la-

## bored in gold and colors, a very appropriate Christmas gift is afforded. The "Old Times" standard is thoroughly maintained in these holiday packages and whoever finds one of the gift-littered boxes beside his stocking next Tuesday morning will have reason to rejoice.

—The "fair" and "Oblique Pie" supper given in Cannon's hall yesterday afternoon and last night by the Young People's Society of the First Methodist church, was a grand success and was well attended. During the afternoon the young ladies disposed of a large number of fancy articles suitable for the holidays, and at five o'clock supper was announced, continued until nine in the evening. The excellent bill of fare provided drew many to the tables, and the whole affair was a treat to the young ladies in charge, as well as a source of considerable profit to the flourishing society.

## A PLEASANT YEAR.

Richard Mansell's Weather Prediction for 1880.

Richard Mansell, of Rock Island, Illinois, claims to have discovered a new system of meteorology, based on the observation of the planets, and each year issues an almanac, in which he attempts to foretell, in a general way, the weather. His predictions for the coming year are rather cheerful. January is to be milder than usual; February and March are to have a temperature as high or above the mean of the season, giving a moderately early spring; April, May and June are to be unusually warm months; July moderately warm; August "congenial," tapering off to a pleasant to cool September; a similar October; the year finishing with about an ordinary November or December, or with a temperature possibly a little below the mean of the season. The consequences to crops are indicated as favorable to a good corn crop, fair to good wheat crops, with a somewhat better prospect for winter wheat for spring wheat. Early planting of all crops is recommended. Mr. Mansell further predicts crop failures in India, but good ones in Great Britain and most of northern Europe.

## WANT WEST FARDONED.

Friends of a Rock County Hardway Seeking His Freedom.

The Robert N. West murder trial, being brought to mind by the circulation of a petition for West's pardon. West has served twenty years and is a man fifty-four years of age. The crime for which he was committed happened between this city and Beloit. He claimed that the other man got into a political discussion, they came to blows and the store was overturned. Observing that his opponent was hurt he fled and the house burned down and cremated the latter. There were rumors however, that politics didn't cause the trouble as much as a certain woman. It is claimed that West was a good citizen previous to the murder, but that like other men in violent temper, he was crazed over an injury or a supposed wrong that was done him and committed the deed.

## CAUGHT IN THE HOLE.

A Battle Hill Employee Painfully Injured.

Miss Abbie Coslow suffered a painful injury while at work in the bathing hall on River street this afternoon. Her right hand was caught between a set of carding rolls, the steel points lacerating the flesh so severely that it was found necessary to amputate the hand. The injured girl was taken to the home of her father, Martin Coslow, of the fifth ward.

## Prominence.

First a cold then a cough, then consumption, then death. "I took Dr. Acker's Bick's Remedy for Consumption. It cured me. I began to cough, and I believe it saved my life."—WALTER M. WALLACE, Washington. FRANKLIN & EVERSON, DRUGGISTS.

## THE NEW DIRECTORY.

The Gazette has had no desire to mix up in the directory controversy. It is pretty generally understood that two directories are in the city, both working for the same end. Regarding Mr. Curtis, the Gazette will secure the public that his directory, complete, will be ready for delivery not later than January 25th. The information contained will be fresh and reliable.

## A Narrow Escape.

Col. W. K. Nelson, of Brooklyn, came home one evening, feeling a peculiar tightness in the chest. Before retiring, he tried to draw a long breath but found it almost impossible. He suffered four days from pneumonia, and the doctor gave him up. Dr. Acker's Bick's Remedy for Consumption saved him and he is well to-day. Prentice & Everson, druggists.

## THE WEATHER.

At seven o'clock this morning the thermometer indicated 18 degrees above zero. Clear with south wind. At one o'clock p. m. the register was 33 degrees above zero. Partly cloudy with north wind. For the corresponding hours one year ago the register was 33 and 37 degrees above zero.

## A Pleasant Surprise.

The sweet, safest and best way to send packages is by express. Don't send your packages by mail and stand the loss of any. By express shipper declares value and gets receipt; if goods are lost or damaged we will settle. Our branch office, in charge of our trusted employees, Main office, 108 West Milwaukee St.

A. P. BURNHAM, Agent.

Janesville, Dec. 10, 1888.

Stop that cough! If you do not, it may kill you. Buy a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup only cost you 25 cents, and its timely use may save your life.

## American Express Company.

Don't send your packages by mail and stand the loss of any. By express, shipper declares value, and gets receipt; if goods are lost or damaged, we will settle. Our branch office, next door to Rock County Bank, is in charge of our trusted employees. Main office, 108 West Milwaukee Street.

A. P. BURNHAM, Agent.

Janesville, December 19, 1888.

Stoves of nearly all kinds and descriptions at lowest prices, at Sashbury's store.

## ARE HELPING SANTA CLAUS.

Janesville Merchants Do Their Part to Make The Coming Christmas a Merry One

Some Novel Holiday Fancies—Stray Bits From Down Town Windows.

That Christmas was less than a week distant one glance in Men and Milwan street stores to-day would prove beyond question. Everybody was out, determined to encourage old Saint Nicholas with a show of the holiday spirit; if nothing else, and the disposers of olive tins and gold and silver, in silk and satin, in plush, and in a thousand and one other forms were alike prepared. Janesville retail establishments have the reputation of being surpassed by few, even in the larger cities and the reputation is being upheld.

Books are, and always remain, a graceful token of love and esteem, and this year outwits all predecessors in the number and variety that are placed on the shelves. The works of standard authors in sets and in single volumes, have been designed especially for the holiday trade; and in excellence of workmanship and beauty of conception, have never been equaled. Art publications are shown in endless variety. Much attention is also paid to the higher order of photographic and to engravings and etchings. There are likely to be added to Janesville collections a number of artists' proof etchings and engravings that would delight the most critical of connoisseurs.

Comparatively a new departure in presents is the giving of fancy stationery. For some reason or other it ranks in the same category as music, flowers and books. In general the boxes are made up of three sizes of paper, often stamped with an initial or surname, and with a decorated exterior enclosed.

Crystal paper weights are out in the form of a dog's head encircled with a massive collar and buckle of solid silver.

Speaking of silver brings to mind the scores of novel forms in which that metal is shown by the jewellers. Oxidized it is less in the shape of roses, bon bon, without which the outfit of no nineteenth century maid can be called complete.

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That the true women in reading a novel ferret out first the proposal, on which every well-regulated plot is supposed to turn, is held to be beyond all cavil. With what joy then should fair book-lovers turn to the volume just placed on sale by James Sutherland & Sons, entitled "How Men Propose." True to its name it is a review of the fateful question and its answer as treated in the most popular works of fiction, and is the work of Agnes Stevens. The idea of the volume—to collect from a wide variety of sources examples of popping the question—as given by the best writers—in a novel and happy one. An uncommonly piquant book is the result; one that not only charms by its warm human interest, but furnishes material for an attractive literary study in comparing the styles of various authors in their treatment of a similar theme.

Another very attractive book—an excellent example of the dainty volumes that have to be very popular as holiday presents—is "A Handbook for Pilgrims," by Mary B. Dimond. This is also to be found on the counters of Sutherland & Sons, and includes many gems of thought from each paragraph bearing on some phase of daily life. It is tasteful both as to binding and to letter press, and will attract more than a passing glance. Both "A Handbook for Pilgrims" and "How Men Propose" are from the publishing house of A. O. McClurg & Co.

## SHOOT HIM—KILL HIM!

Cold Blooded Act of a Wisconsin Man in St. Paul.

St. Paul Pioneer Press: Here is a badger state page. It was brought over to St. Paul last week packed in felt with a chamois covering, and liberally saturated with camphor water to keep the moths out, by Tom Reid, the Appleton editor. The Wisconsin man handled it with great care, and met with much success in springing it. His first one was to get his friends interested in the discussion as to the pronunciation of names having prefix "Mac" or "Mc." "Mac," he would say, applied to Scotch names, while the Irish had slipped out the vowel, and adopted the shorter form. "Now," he remarks: the proper manner, "how would you pronounce M-a-c-h-i-i-n-e-s-r-y?" spelling the word out. "Why, MacMachinery," of course," was the theatrical reply. "Well, I think," says Reid, "that should be pronounced Machinery." It is too bad to have Wisconsin jokes coming over the line and taking advantage of our best people in that mean sort of way.

## AN OTHERS SEE THEM.

What Two Prominent Wisconsin Gentlemen Have to Say of Ross Phillips & Buckingham's Directory.

OSHKOSH, Wis., Dec. 18, 1888. To Whom it may concern:

Messrs. Ross Phillips & Buckingham have published a directory of the city of Oshkosh for three years and we have always found it perfectly reliable in every respect. A constant user of their book has learned as they have that they stand their business in compiling a directory, and business dealing with them has always been such as to prove that they are straight, honorable men.